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DAREDEVIL

IT'S THE
MUTANT
MASTER
OF
FLAMES...

PYRO!

AND THE
MAN
WITHOUT
FEAR
IS ABOUT
TO GET...

BURNED!



STAN LEE PRESENTS:

TRIAL BY FIRE!

ANGELA PARISH,
FROM ALLENTOWN,
PENNSYLVANIA. NOT
QUITE SIXTEEN.

SKULL--
FRACTURED.
NECK--BROKEN.
THREE CRACKED
RIBS. MULTIPLE
LACERATIONS.

SKIN-SCRAPINGS
FOUND UNDER HER FINGER-
NAILS ARE BEING D.N.A.-
TESTED NOW.

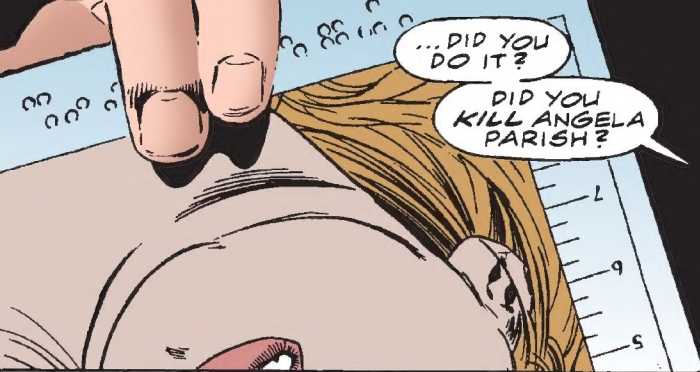
SHE WAS A
FIGHTER. SHE FOUGHT
TO STAY ALIVE FOR AS
LONG AS SHE COULD.

STAN LEE PRESENTS
THE MAN WITHOUT
FEAR'S MOST AMAZING
DECISION IN HIS
PURSUIT OF JUSTICE
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I ONLY
WANT TO
KNOW ONE
THING...

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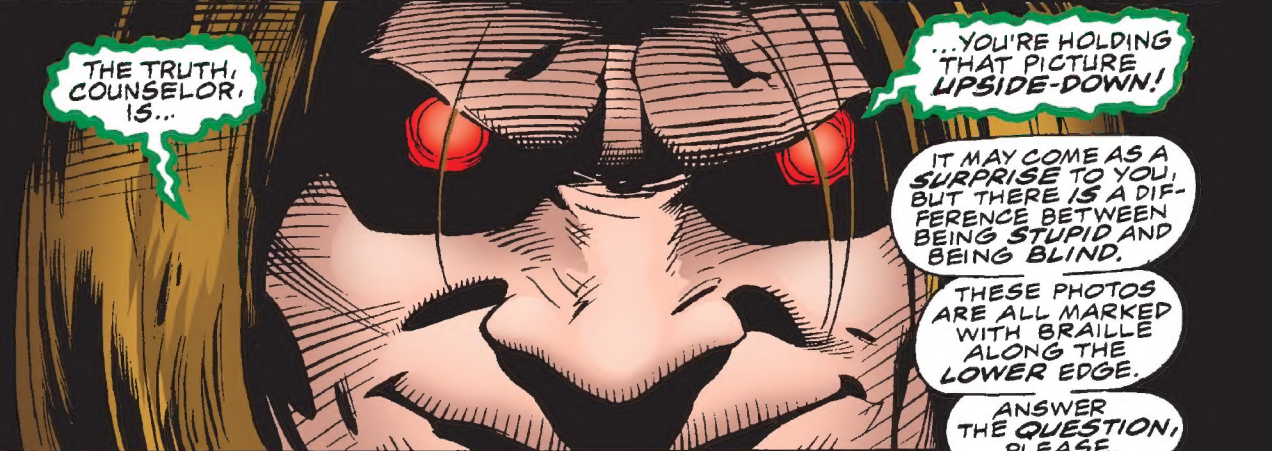


...DID YOU DO IT?

DID YOU KILL ANGELA PARISH?



THE TRUTH, HYDE.



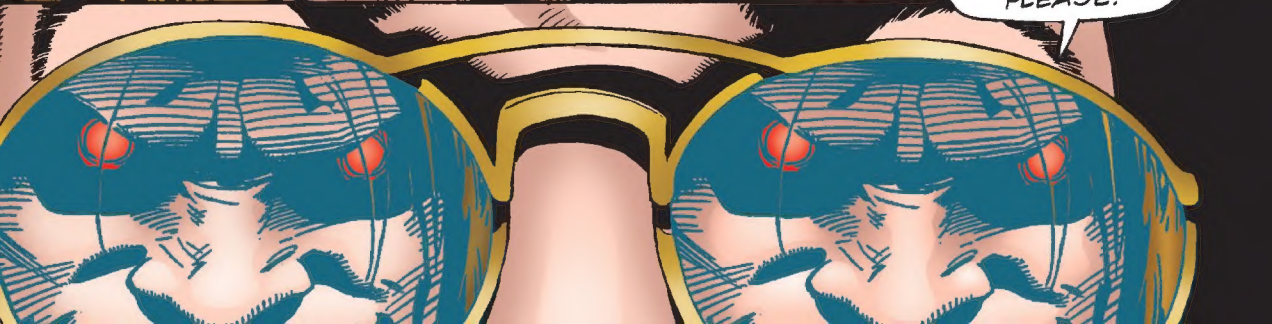
THE TRUTH, COUNSELOR, IS...

...YOU'RE HOLDING THAT PICTURE UPSIDE-DOWN!

IT MAY COME AS A SURPRISE TO YOU, BUT THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BEING STUPID AND BEING BLIND.

THESE PHOTOS ARE ALL MARKED WITH BRAILLE ALONG THE LOWER EDGE.

ANSWER THE QUESTION, PLEASE.



I HOPE WE'RE WORKING
UNDER ATTORNEY-CLIENT
PRIVILEGE...

...THAT NOTHING I
SAY HERE CAN EVER BE
USED AGAINST ME IN A
COURT OF LAW?

HYDE

THAT'S
RIGHT.

HEH! I LOVE THIS
COUNTRY!

ALL RIGHT--I SAW THIS
GIRL ABOUT A MONTH AGO,
OUTSIDE THE PORT
AUTHORITY. LITTLE
RUNAWAY...

KNEW NO ONE WOULD
MISS HER, SO I TOOK
HER... KEPT HER AT MY
WAREHOUSE...

IT IS MY WAREHOUSE, BY THE
WAY. PAID CASH FOR IT. SAYS
"OSBORN" ON THE OUTSIDE,
BUT THAT'S JUST WHO I
BOUGHT IT FROM.
HARRY OSBORN.

NERVOUS LITTLE
MAN WITH
MURDER ON
HIS MIND.

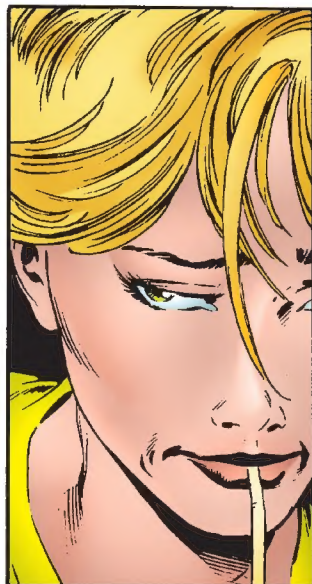
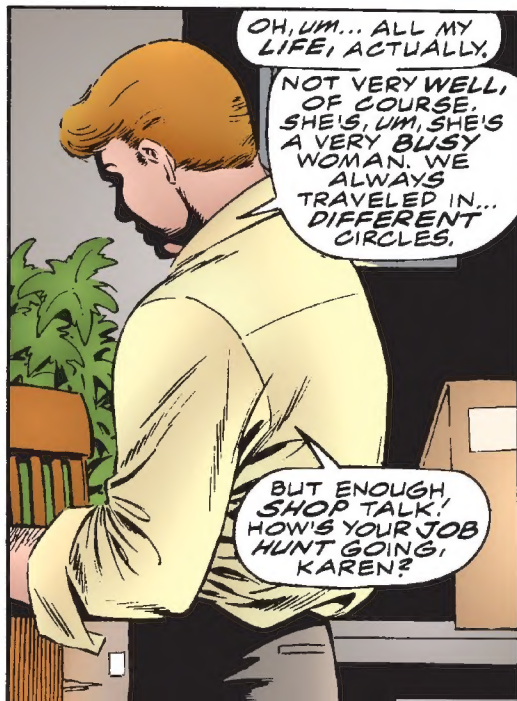
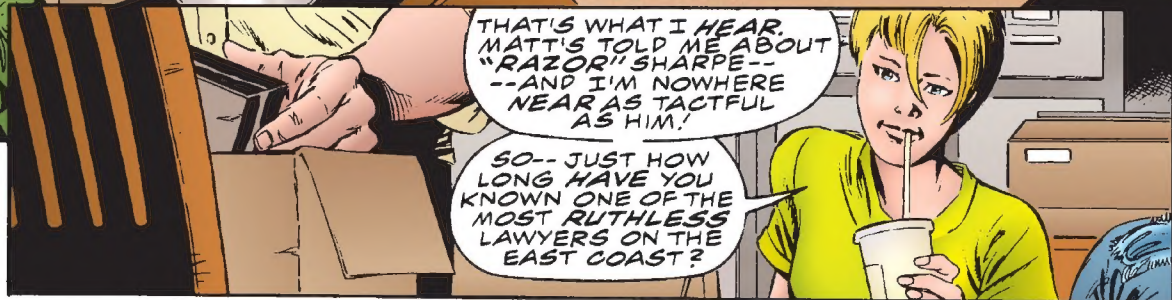
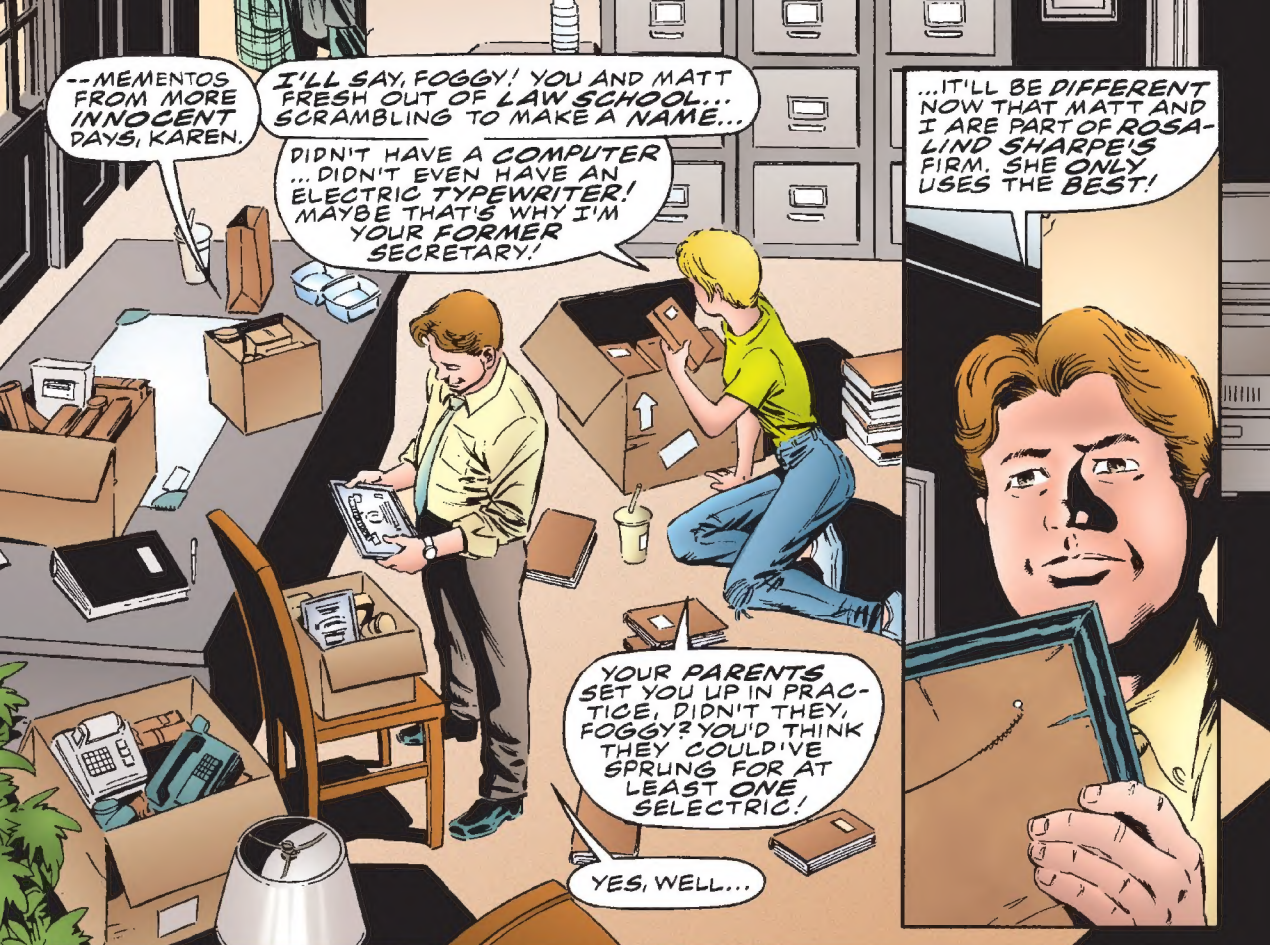
I LIKED
HIM.

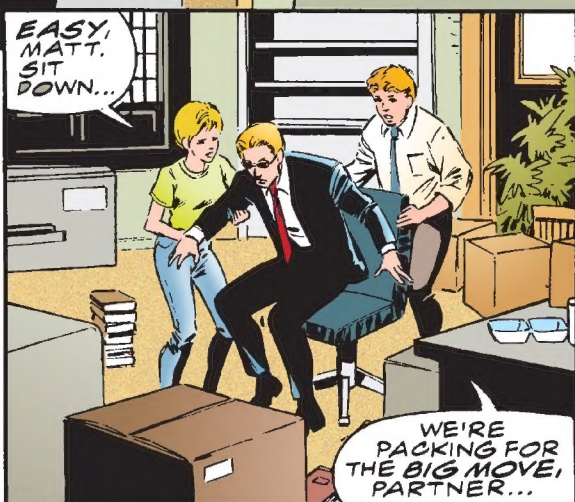
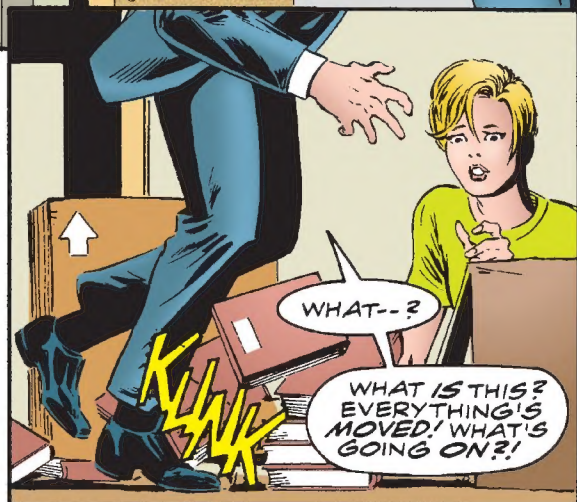
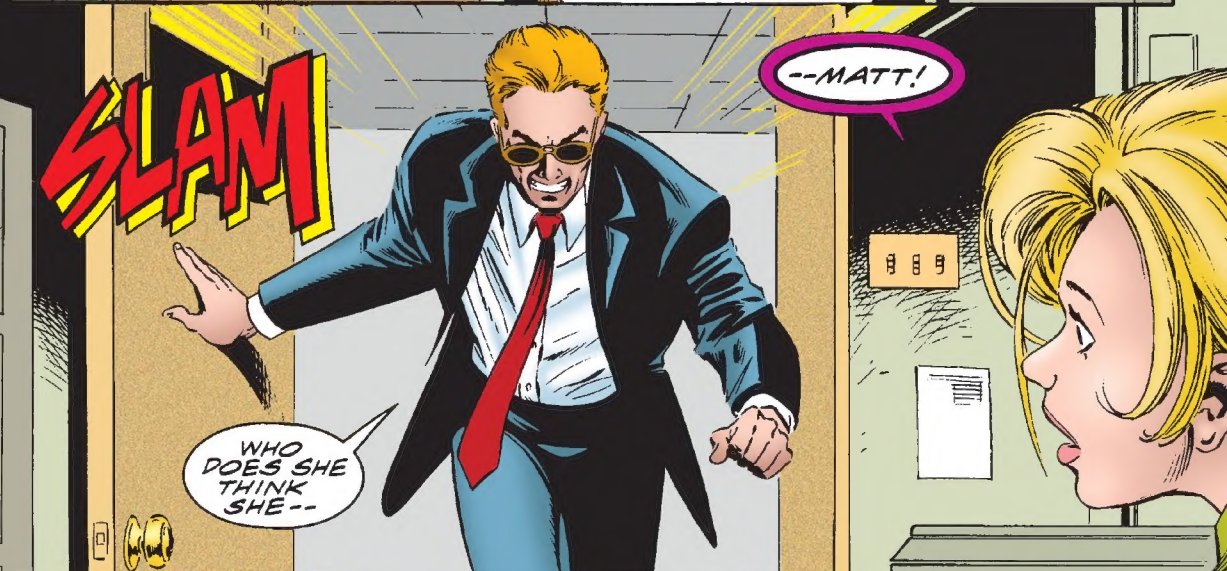
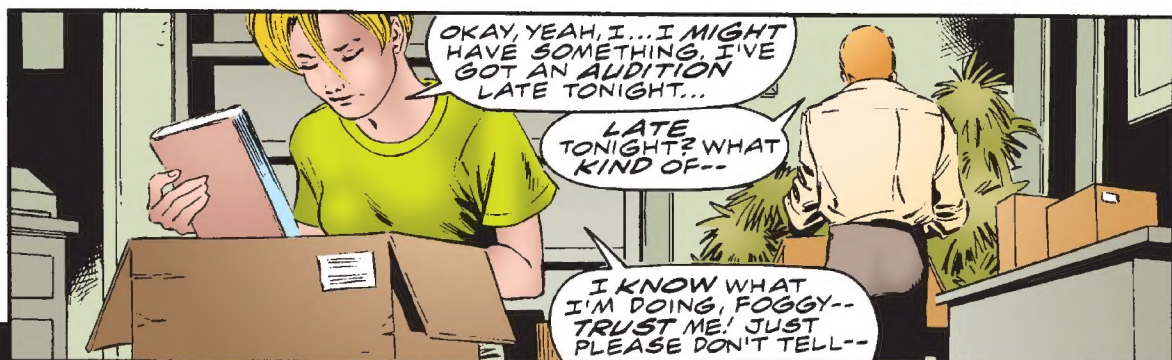
GET TO
THE POINT,
HYDE.

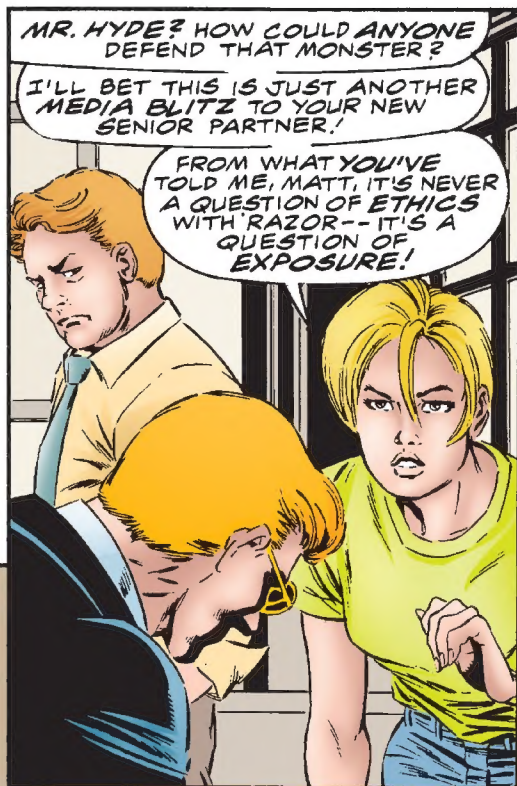
THE
POINT IS--
I DIDN'T
KILL HER,
COUNSELOR!

OH, I
WOULD'VE...
BUT I WASN'T
DONE WITH
HER, YET!









MR. HYDE? HOW COULD ANYONE DEFEND THAT MONSTER?

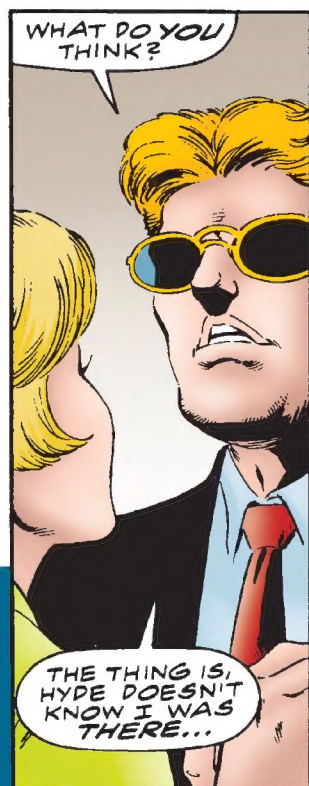
I'LL BET THIS IS JUST ANOTHER MEDIA BLITZ TO YOUR NEW SENIOR PARTNER!

FROM WHAT YOU'VE TOLD ME, MATT, IT'S NEVER A QUESTION OF ETHICS WITH RAZOR-- IT'S A QUESTION OF EXPOSURE!



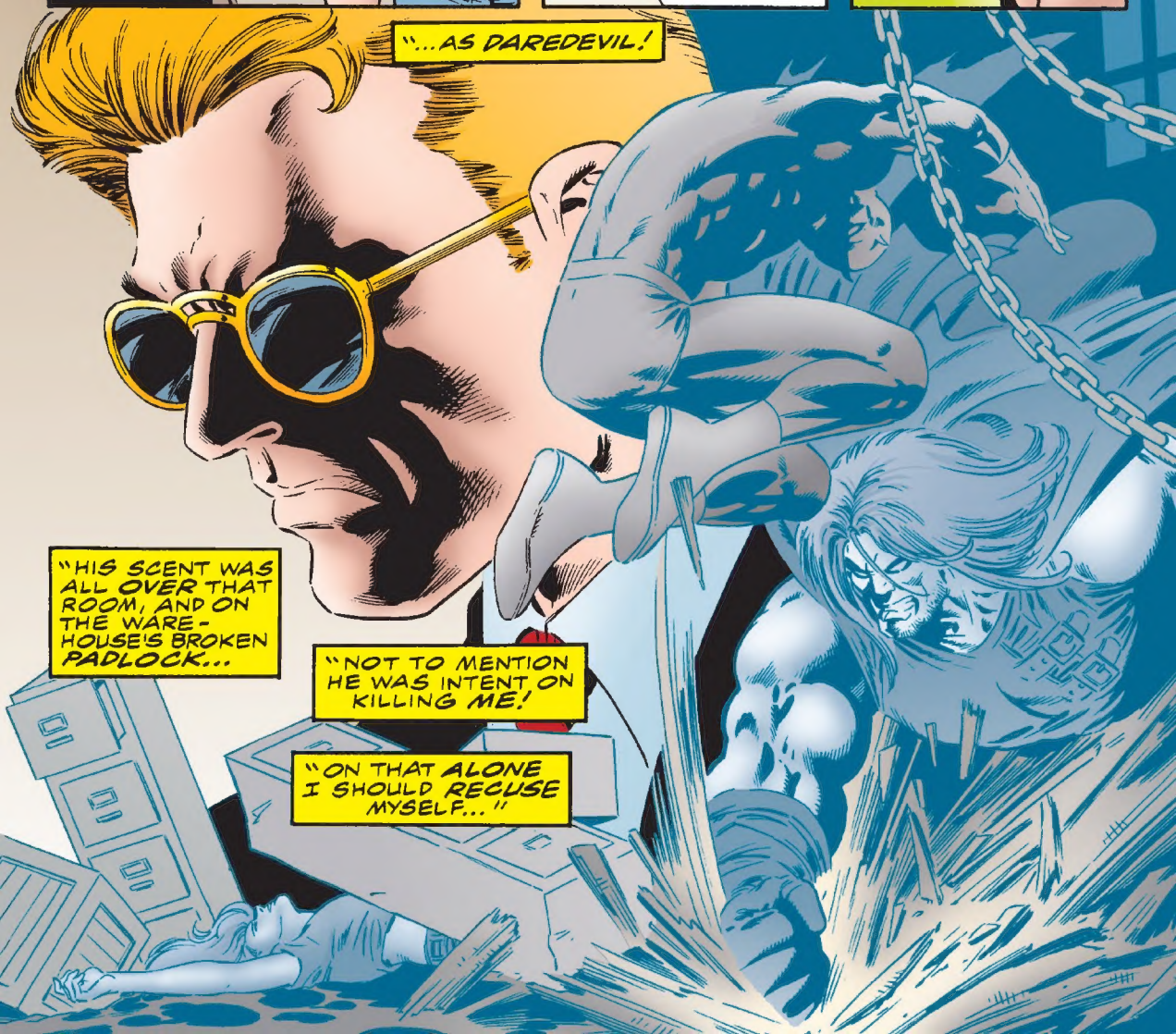
WELL, UM... HYDE IS PRESUMED INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY, KAREN, HE'S ENTITLED TO A DEFENSE.

DID HE, UM, ADMIT TO KILLING THE GIRL?



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

THE THING IS, HYDE DOESN'T KNOW I WAS THERE...

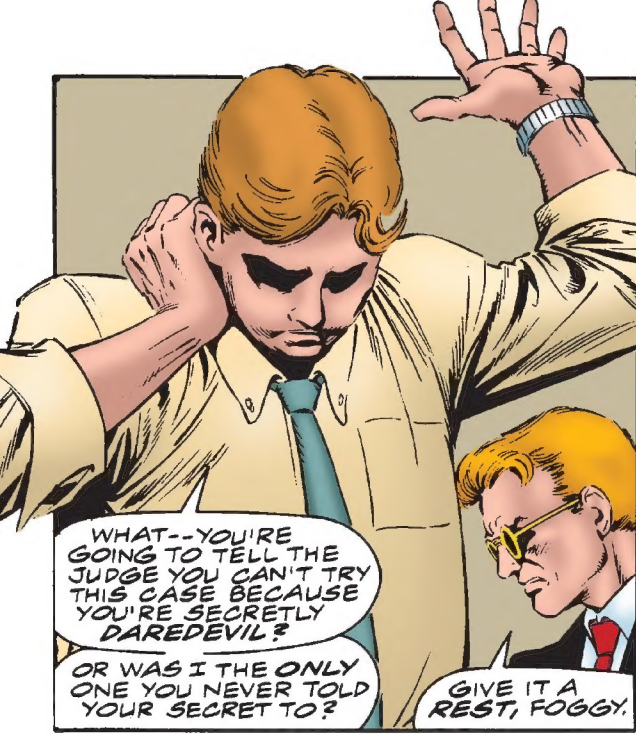


"...AS DAREDEVIL!"

"HIS SCENT WAS ALL OVER THAT ROOM, AND ON THE WAREHOUSE'S BROKEN PADLOCK..."

"NOT TO MENTION HE WAS INTENT ON KILLING ME!"

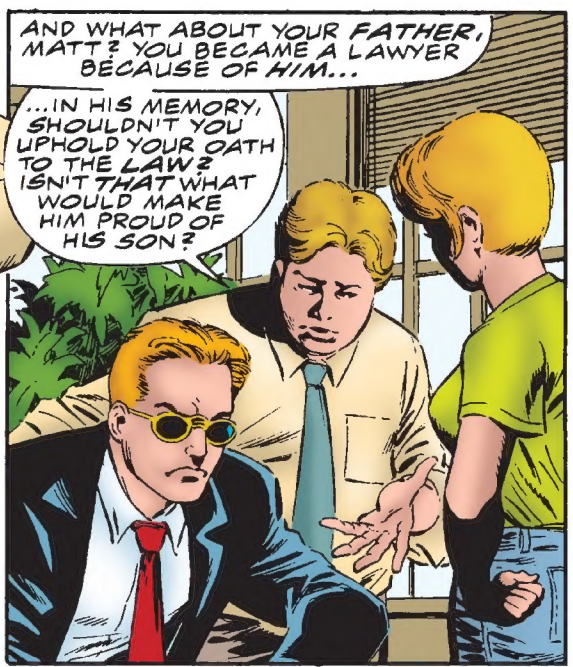
"ON THAT ALONE I SHOULD RECUSE MYSELF..."



WHAT--YOU'RE GOING TO TELL THE JUDGE YOU CAN'T TRY THIS CASE BECAUSE YOU'RE SECRETLY DAREDEVIL?

OR WAS I THE ONLY ONE YOU NEVER TOLD YOUR SECRET TO?

GIVE IT A REST, FOGGY.



AND WHAT ABOUT YOUR FATHER, MATT? YOU BECAME A LAWYER BECAUSE OF HIM...

...IN HIS MEMORY, SHOULDN'T YOU UPHOLD YOUR OATH TO THE LAW? ISN'T THAT WHAT WOULD MAKE HIM PROUD OF HIS SON?



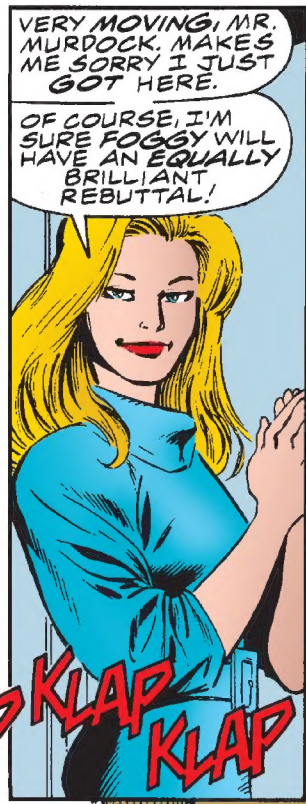
YOU THINKING OF SOMEONE ELSE, FOGGY? MATT'S DAD WOULD'VE NEVER WANTED HIM TO SET A KNOWN KILLER FREE!

PERSONALLY-- I'M SICK OF TECHNICALITIES! I WANT HYDE TO PAY FOR HIS CRIMES! I WANT JUSTICE!



WITHOUT THE LAW THERE IS NO JUSTICE, KAREN!

THERE'S ONLY THE JUNGLE.



VERY MOVING, MR. MURDOCK. MAKES ME SORRY I JUST GOT HERE.

OF COURSE, I'M SURE FOGGY WILL HAVE AN EQUALLY BRILLIANT REBUTTAL!



OH-- HA HA-- LIZ! YOU'RE, UM, YOU'RE EARLY!

MATT, KAREN-- THIS IS LIZ OSBORN. SHE, UM, SAID SHE'D HELP ME SHOP FOR SOME NEW... OFFICE FURNITURE?

I JUST THOUGHT-- NEW PLACE, NEW LOOK... EXCEPT FOR FOGGY'S "LUCKY WASTEBASKET," OF COURSE!

WELL, HE'S RETRIEVED A LOT OF WINNING ARGUMENTS FROM THAT THING!

HAVE FUN, YOU TWO...

FINALLY!

HMM...

I CAME UP HERE BECAUSE IT WAS THE FIRST PLACE I COULD GET TO-- TO CHANGE TO PAREDEVIL!

I REALLY NEED TO WORK OFF SOME STEAM... GET MY MIND AROUND THIS WHOLE HYDE MESS...

YOU THINK FOGGY AND LIZ WOULD LIKE TO DOUBLE-DATE WITH US SOMEDAY, MATT?

DON'T WORRY, MATT-- THEY DON'T KNOW IT YET, EITHER!

BETTER GET SWINGING BEFORE SOMEONE ELSE COMES BY, COUNSELOR...

DOUBLE--?

WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT, KAREN? FOGGY AND LIZ AREN'T DATING! THEY'RE BARELY FRIENDS!

...OR BEFORE YOUR GIRL-FRIEND STARTS ENTERTAINING SOME VERY DEVILISH THOUGHTS!

HOLD THOSE THOUGHTS, KAREN...

"...UNTIL I SORT
THROUGH SOME
OF MY OWN!"

IF IT WASN'T
HYDE-- WOULD I
TAKE THE CASE?

BUT HYDE TAINTS EVERY-
THING HE TOUCHES. IT'S
A MISCARRIAGE OF
JUSTICE THAT HE WAS
FREE TO BEGIN WITH!

MAYBE.

IT MIGHT BE
DIFFERENT IF I
ACTUALLY THOUGHT
HE WAS TELLING
THE TRUTH--
BUT HYDE'S THE
PRINCE OF
LIES!

IT'S LIKE
EVERYTHING HE
SAYS IS WRAPPED
IN SMOKE, AND
WHERE THERE'S
SMOKE--

WAIT A MINUTE--
THERE IS SMOKE...
COMING FROM THE
WEST SIDE!

GOOD-SIZED BLAZE,
TOO-- IF I CAN SMELL
IT THIS FAR AWAY!

LOOKS LIKE YOU GUYS
PICKED THE WRONG
TIME TO WASH
YOUR TRUCK!

SEE YOU AT
THE FIRE! LAST
ONE THERE BUYS
THE MARSH-
MALLOWS!

FIRE?
THERE'S NO
FIRE, PAREDEVIL!
WHAT'RE YOU
TALKING--

BING-BING-BING

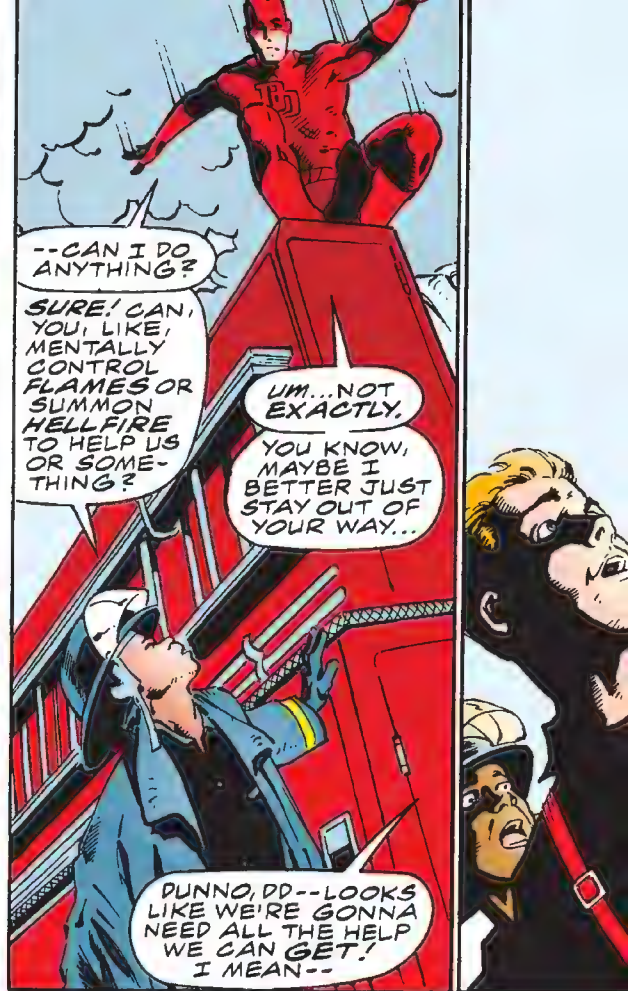
--ABOUT?



WELL, WELL--
A HANDFUL OF
WATERFRONT
WAREHOUSES
...ABOUT TO
BECOME
INSURANCE
CLAIMS!

INCLUDING THE ONE
ANGELA PARISH
DIED IN!
COINCIDENCE,
OR--

WHOOO-WHOOO-WHOOO



--CAN I DO
ANYTHING?

SURE! CAN,
YOU, LIKE,
MENTALLY
CONTROL
FLAMES OR
SUMMON
HELLFIRE
TO HELP US
OR SOME-
THING?

UM...NOT
EXACTLY.

YOU KNOW,
MAYBE I
BETTER JUST
STAY OUT OF
YOUR WAY...

DUNNO, DD--LOOKS
LIKE WE'RE GONNA
NEED ALL THE HELP
WE CAN GET!
I MEAN--



...I AIN'T
NEVER SEEN
A FIRE LIKE
THIS!

LOOKS LIKE
A DRAGON!

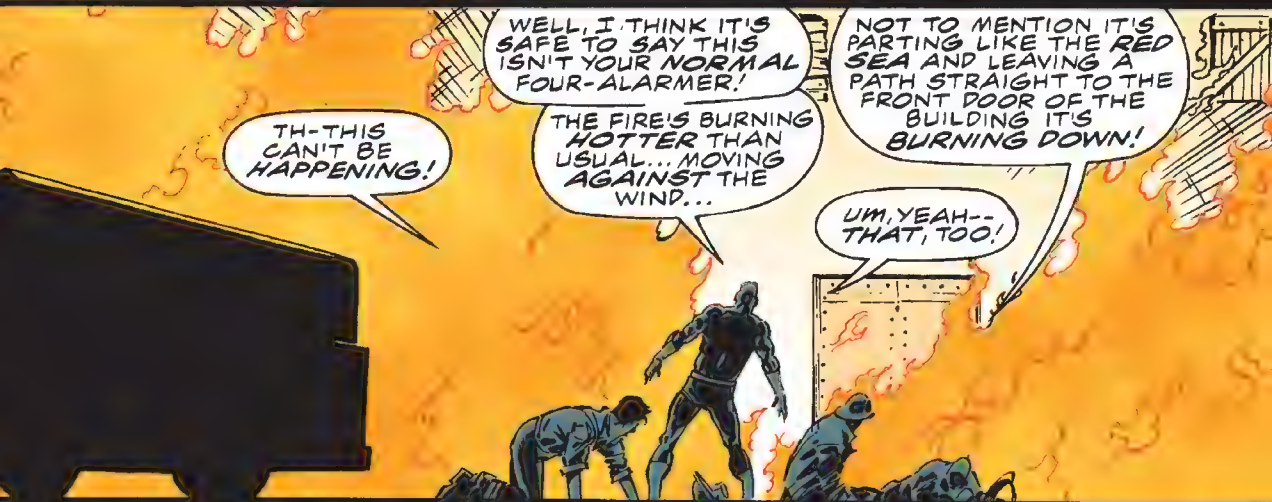
DON'T TELL
ME IT'S ONE
OF THE
KIND THAT
BREATHES
FIRE?



FRSHOOM!

I'D BET YOUR LIFE ON IT!

GET BACK!



TH-THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING!

WELL, I THINK IT'S SAFE TO SAY THIS ISN'T YOUR NORMAL FOUR-ALARMER!

THE FIRE'S BURNING HOTTER THAN USUAL... MOVING AGAINST THE WIND...

NOT TO MENTION IT'S PARTING LIKE THE RED SEA AND LEAVING A PATH STRAIGHT TO THE FRONT DOOR OF THE BUILDING IT'S BURNING DOWN!

UM, YEAH-- THAT, TOO!



I CAN TELL WHERE THE FIRE IS FROM ITS HEAT-- BUT THE FLAMES BARELY SHOW UP ON MY RADAR SENSE!

CAN'T LET THESE SMOKE-EATERS-- OR ANYONE-- KNOW THAT! ESPECIALLY SINCE--

--I'VE GOT A GOOD IDEA WHO'S BEHIND THIS, NOW!

SOMEONE I HAVEN'T SEEN IN A LONG TIME-- THIS IS JUST HIS WAY OF GIVING ME A WARM WELCOME!



BETTER NOT KEEP HIM WAITING, OR HE'LL GET REALLY BURNED!

DD-- WAIT! WE--

--GOTTA PUT THE FIRE OUT TO GET TO HIM NOW! THOSE FLAMES'RE CLOSIN' IN BEHIND HIM...

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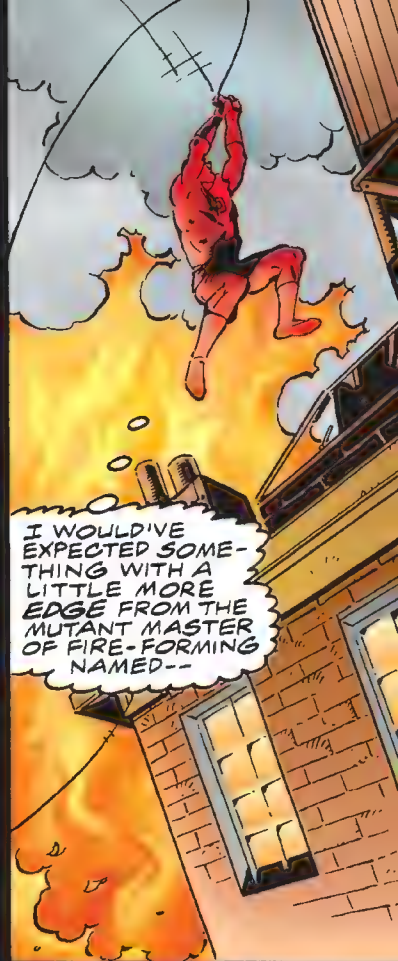


"...LIKE THEY'RE ALIVE!"

FIVE HOT SPOTS, EACH SIDE OF ME.



PUH-LEASE! NOT THE OLD "FIERY FINGERS OF DEATH" ROUTINE!




I WOULD'VE EXPECTED SOMETHING WITH A LITTLE MORE EDGE FROM THE MUTANT MASTER OF FIRE-FORMING NAMED--



--PYRO!


G'DAY, DEVIL-- G'DAY TO DIE!

WAS HOPIN' YOU'D JOIN ME IN MY PRIVATE LITTLE HELL!



YOU MEAN
THIS ISN'T WHERE
THEY'RE HAVING THE
FIRE SALE?

GEE--LOOKS
LIKE YOU'D GOT
SOME TO
SPARE!




FUNNY AS A BLOODY
DISEASE, DEVIL!

DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE
THIS PLACE? DON'T IT
BRING BACK MEMORIES OF
A LITTLE ANGEL WITH
NO PLACE TO HIDE?


YOU BLIND,
HERO? CONNECT
THE DOTS!

IT'S NOT LIKE I WAS
WALKIN' BY AND THOUGHT--
"NOW THERE'S A GOOD PLACE
TO START A CRACKLER!"



ACTUALLY, I'M
SURPRISED YOU
THINK AT ALL,
PYRO!

BUT IF YOU THINK
YOU CAN DESTROY
EVIDENCE ABOUT
ANGELA PARISH'S
MURDER--



I'M DOIN' AN ACE
JOB OF IT ALREADY,
DEVIL! THAT'S WHAT
I'M PAID FOR, INNIT?

BUT NO WORRIES OF YOURS! NOT
WHEN I CAN MAKE SOME FIERY MATES
THAT WANT TO THROW A SHRIMP
LIKE YOU ON THE BARBIE!

WELL, AS
CRIMINALS LIKE
YOU KNOW, PYRO--

--IT'S NICE TO
BE WANTED!

BUT IT'S REALLY
NOT NECESSARY FOR
THESE THINGS TO CARRY
A TORCH FOR ME!

ESHOOOM!

WOULD BE NICE IF THEY SHOWED
UP ON MY RADAR SENSE,
THOUGH--OR IF I WAS
INVULNERABLE!

YEAH-- GOT TO REMEMBER
TO ASK FOR THAT WITH MY
SUPER-POWER UPGRADE!!



ESHOOOSH!

HEY--
WATCH IT!

YOU DECAPITATE
ME, NO ONE'LL
EVER BE ABLE
TO CALL ME
"HORNHEAD"
AGAIN!

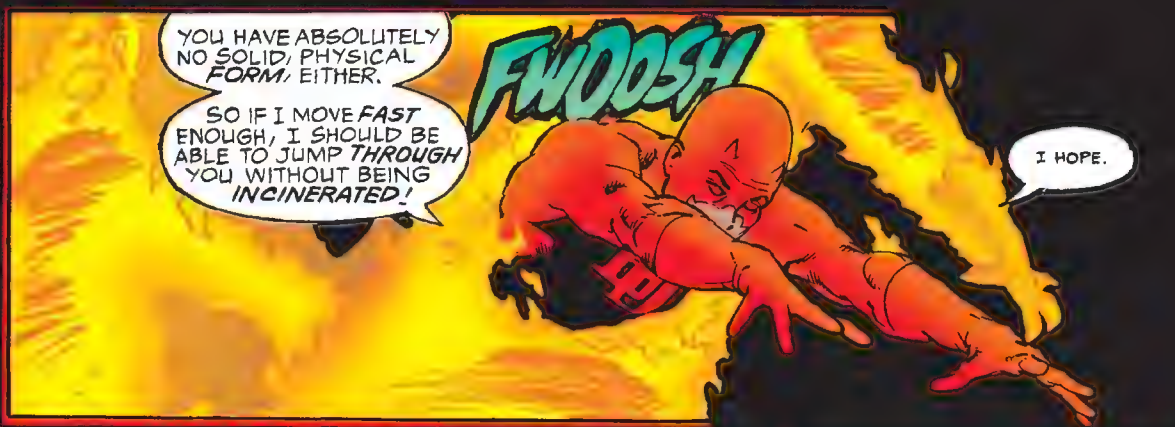
THOUGH I GUESS
THEY COULD CALL ME
"SHORN-HEAD"...

OH, COME ON! YOU KNOW
THE PROBLEM WITH
YOU FIRE-CREATIONS--
BESIDES. BEING DEADLY,
I MEAN?

YOU HAVE
ABSOLUTELY NO
SENSE OF
HUMOR!

ON THE
OTHER
HAND...





YOU HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO SOLID, PHYSICAL FORM, EITHER.

SO IF I MOVE FAST ENOUGH, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO JUMP THROUGH YOU WITHOUT BEING INCINERATED!

I HOPE.

FWOOSH



THAT :KEFF!: THAT'S WHY THEY CALL YOU THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR, DEVIL?

DOWN UNDER WE'D CALL YOU :KLUFF: THE MAN WITHOUT COMMON SENSE.

:KEFF! KEFF!

SOUNDS LIKE YOU'D BETTER STOP SMOKING, PYRO! NO TIME LIKE THE PRESENT!

YOU CAN USE YOUR POWERS TO STOP THE FIRE-- I'LL TAKE A QUICK SCAN FOR INCRIMINATING EVIDENCE...

HECK! I'LL EVEN SPRING FOR ONE OF THOSE PATCHES-- FIX YOU RIGHT UP!



THEY DON'T MAKE ANYTHING THAT CAN FIX ME, DEVIL. OR YOU-- IN ABOUT THREE SECONDS!

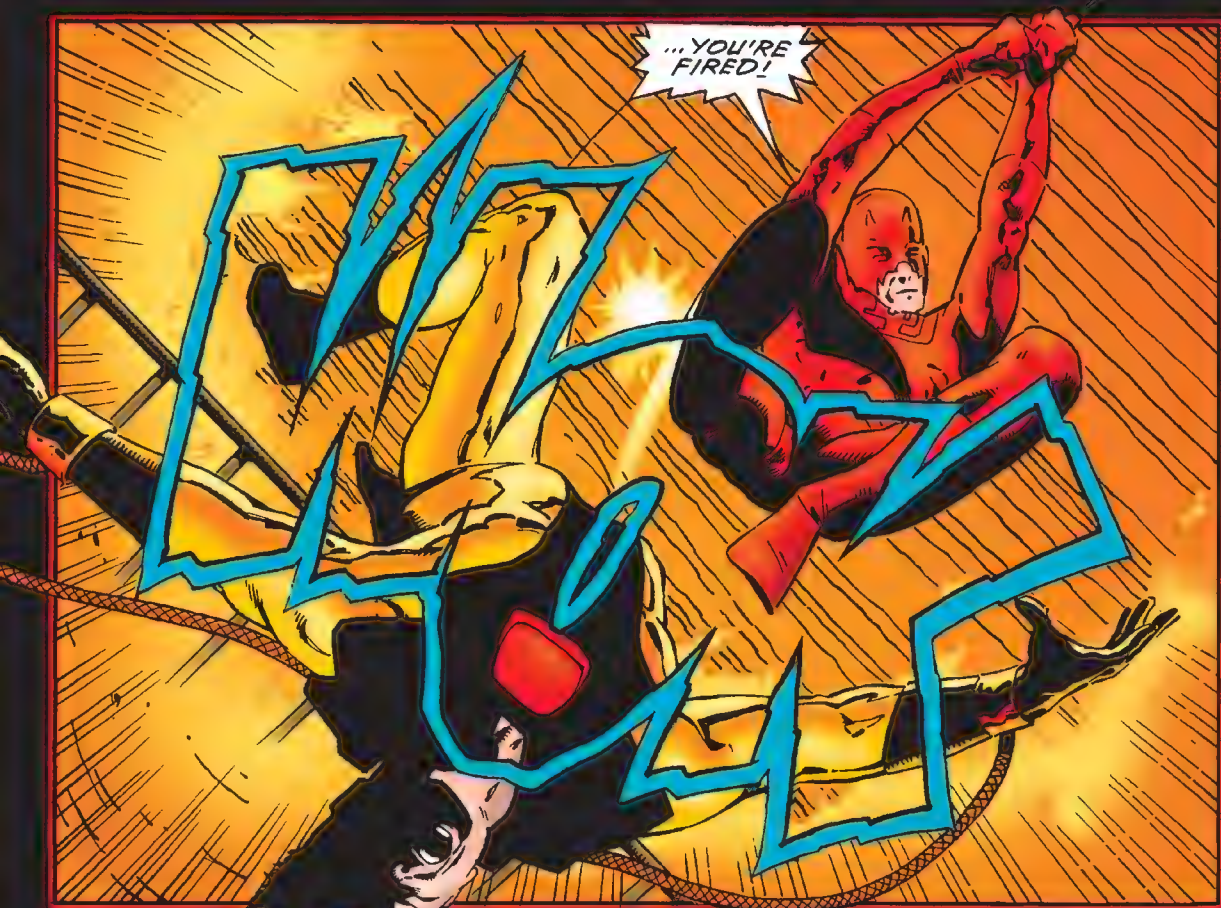


YOU'RE RIGHT, PYRO. THIS FIGHT-OF-THE-MONTH THING ISN'T WORKING FOR ME, EITHER.

WHAT'RE YOU BLOODY RUNNIN' OFF ABOUT, DEVIL?

I'M SAYIN'--

FWAPP



...YOU'RE FIRED!



GNNH!



COR! THAT... THAT HURT!
MAKES IT BLOODY IMPOSSIBLE...
CONCENTRATIN' ON FIRE-
FORMS...

BUT IT'S BETTER'N
DYING IN BED!

WON'T GO THAT WAY...
WON'T BE REMEMBERED
THAT WAY...

DIDN'T REALIZE
HOW LABORED PYRO'S
BREATHING IS... HOW
CONGESTED HIS
LUNGS SOUND...

EASY, HOTSHOT-- I'LL GET
YOU TO A HOSPITAL. JUST
TELL ME-- DO YOU KNOW
WHAT HYDE WANTED
DESTROYED HERE?

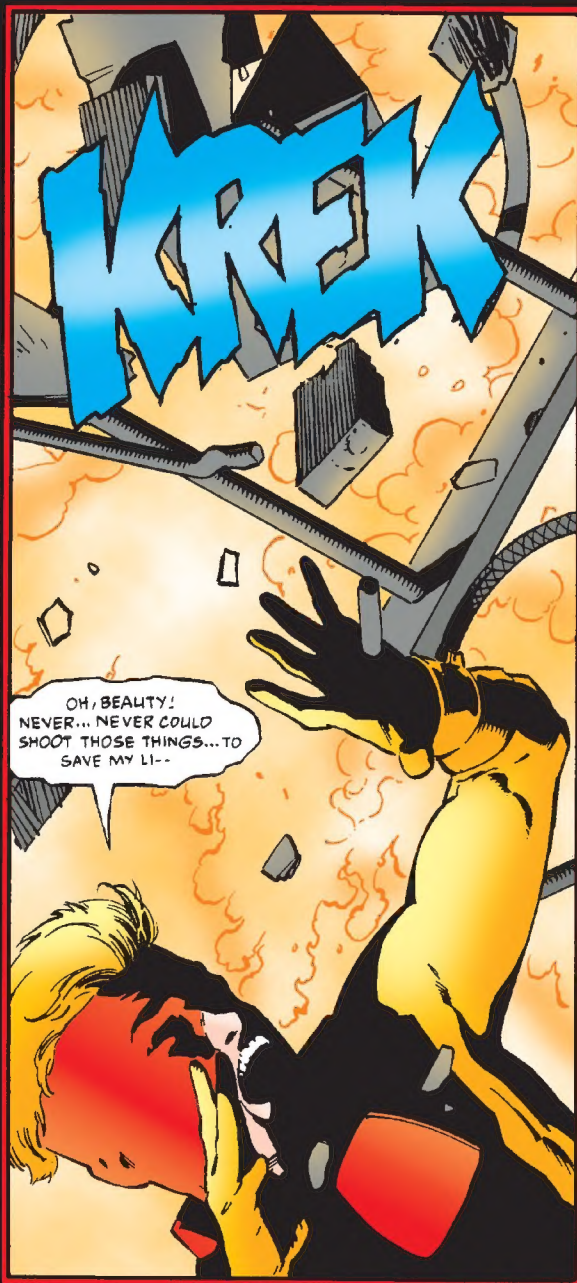
WHAT WAS IT THAT
LINKED HIM TO
ANGELA PARISH'S
MURDER?





*A LETHAL DISEASE THAT HAS BEEN KILLING MUTANTS! --Prof. F





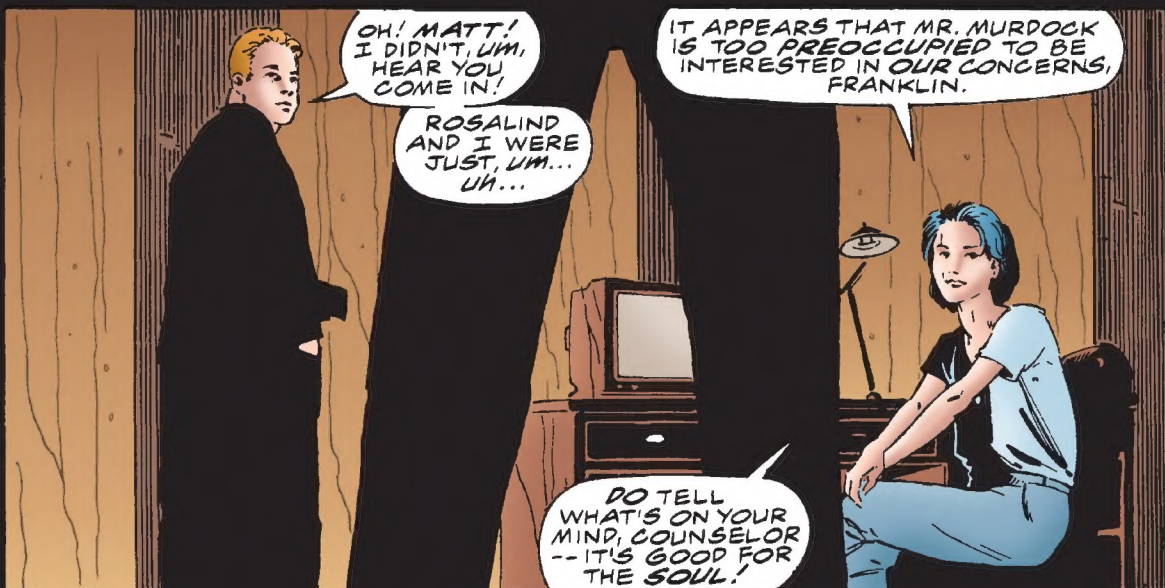
THE WAREHOUSE IMPLODES INTO A MAZE OF RED-HOT TIMBERS... THEN SETTLES AND SHIFTS AGAIN...

ASHEN STEAM FILLS THE AIR.

FOR NEARLY SIX MINUTES THE FIREFIGHTERS KEEP PUMPING WATER IN THE DIRECTION OF THE BLAZE, BUT ALL THEY SEE IS A WALL OF GREY...







OH! MATT!
I DIDN'T, UH,
HEAR YOU
COME IN!

ROSALIND
AND I WERE
JUST, UH...
UH...

IT APPEARS THAT MR. MURDOCK
IS TOO PREOCCUPIED TO BE
INTERESTED IN OUR CONCERNS,
FRANKLIN.

DO TELL
WHAT'S ON YOUR
MIND, COUNSELOR
-- IT'S GOOD FOR
THE SOUL!

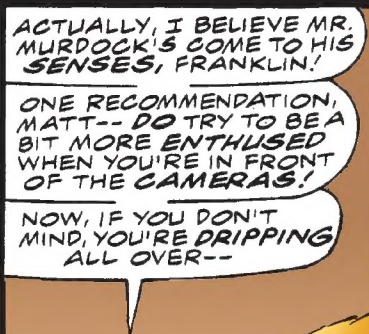


HE'S
INNOCENT...

...HYDE'S
INNOCENT...

UH... YOU OKAY,
MATT?

FRANKLY, YOU
SMELL LIKE YOU'VE
BEEN HANGING AROUND
THE CAMPFIRE A
LITTLE TOO LONG--
KNOW WHAT I MEAN?



ACTUALLY, I BELIEVE MR.
MURDOCK'S COME TO HIS
SENSES, FRANKLIN!

ONE RECOMMENDATION,
MATT-- DO TRY TO BE A
BIT MORE ENTHUSED
WHEN YOU'RE IN FRONT
OF THE CAMERAS!

NOW, IF YOU DON'T
MIND, YOU'RE DRIPPING
ALL OVER--

DIDN'T YOU HEAR
ME? DON'T YOU
UNDERSTAND?

THERE WAS A FIRE
TONIGHT! DAREDEVIL
LEARNED SOME-
THING! HE TOLD
ME AND...

...AND NOW I'M CON-
VINCED THAT NO MAT-
TER WHAT ELSE HYDE'S
DONE-- HE DIDN'T KILL
ANGELA PARISH!



HE DESERVES TO ROT IN
JAIL... BUT NOT FOR A
CRIME HE DIDN'T
COMMIT.

I'LL DEFEND
HIM.



I'LL DO EVERYTHING
IN MY POWER TO MAKE
SURE MR. HYDE IS
SET FREE...

CONTINUED!